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SUBJECT: CANNED RED SALMON CONTAMINATION

1. REPORTS REACHED HONG KONG AUG 1 THAT UK HAS WARNED BRITONS NOT TO EAT CANNED RED SALMON BECAUSE OF DANGER OF TOBULISM. REPORT FURTHER STATED THE SALMON WAS LABELED JOHN WEST AND PROCESSED IN U S. LOCAL PRESS HAS HIGHLIGHTED STORY AND MARKETS HAVE WITHDRAWN ALL CANNED SALMON FROM SALE. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO REPORTS OF ILLNESS DUE TO EATING SALMON IN HONG KONG BUT THERE IS GOOD DEAL OF PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CONCERN.

2. HKG HAS TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED SALES OF ALL BRANDS OF US CANNED SALMON, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BASED ON REPORT FROM THE UK DEPT. OF HEALTH. THE REPORT STATED THE SOURCES OF SUSPECTED CASES OF BOTULISM IN THE UK. APPARENTLY WERE 7-1/2 OZ. CANS OF JOHN WEST SALMON FROM THE U S. THE UNCONFIRMED REPORT CONTINUED THAT SUSPECTED BATCH NUMBER IS RF 7G F7145, WHICH WAS PREPARED IN A CANNERY IN ALASKA. THE BATCH REPORTEDLY CONSISTS OF 14,000 CANS.

3. HKG REQUESTS: (1) NAME AND LOCATION OF PACKER OF JOHN WEST SALMON; (2) LIST OF ALL CAN SIZES AND BATCH NUMBERS WHICH MAY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUSPECT; (3) COMPLETE LIST OF ALL BRANDS IN ADDITION TO JOHN WEST WHICH THE PACKER PRODUCES; (4) NOTIFICATION OF WHAT ACTIONS USG HAS TAKEN OR WILL TAKE; (5) USG RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISPOSAL OF IMPOUNDED CANS OF U S SALMON.
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